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EUROPEAN OFFICERS HELD UP.

SHIP RUN AGROUND IN BIAS BAY.

Another daring and successful piracy on a ship out of Hongkong has to be added to the already long list. The s.s. Hydrangea, which only left Hongkong at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, came into port early this morning flying the police flag, having in the meantime been seized by pirates, travelling as passengers, and having been looted from stem to stern. Fortunately no lives have been lost, but the story of the ship's seizure, the making captive of the Captain and other European officers, and the subsequent beaching of the vessel and the departure of the pirate gang laden with booty, reads almost like a tale of other days.

The full story of the happening was learned this morning by a *Telegraph* representative who visited the ship on her return.

HOW THE SHIP WAS SEIZED.

The s.s. Hydrangea, owned by the Chu On Steamship Company, of 205, Wing Lok Street, and commanded by Captain William Brewer, left Hongkong yesterday afternoon at four o'clock for Swatow. She had on board about 500 Chinese passengers and a general cargo of about 300 tons. There were nine first-class passengers and 19 second-class passengers. Everything went well until just before 7 o'clock, when the vessel was off Single Island. At that time the Captain and the First and Second Officers, together with the Chief and Second Engineers, were in the saloon having dinner. The third officer and the quartermaster were on the bridge.

The first warning any of the officers had that there were pirates among the passengers was that one of the Indian guards came to the saloon door and shouted that pirates were on board and that his rifle had suddenly been snatched from him. At the same instant, shots were heard being fired on the saloon deck and, before any of the officers could get out of the saloon, four men had presented themselves at the saloon doors, pointing revolvers at the seated Europeans. Assistance was hopeless, as all the officers were unarmed and taken utterly by surprise.

GUARDS DISARMED.

In the meantime, the pirates had obtained an unresisted control of the bridge and engine room, the attack having been well timed to cover different parts of the vessel. It subsequently transpired that seven of the first-class passengers and nine of the second-class passengers, together with many in the third-class, were pirates. All of them were armed and, inasmuch as their attack was simultaneous, they had complete control of the vessel before there was time for opposition. The guards were surprised and disarmed, and it only needed a few shots to be fired to get all the Chinese passengers into a state of subjection.

The Captain was taken to his cabin under guard, whilst other pirates kept guard over the assembled officers. When in his cabin the Captain was made to hand over his revolver, together with the rifles that were there, and he was later made to open the engine room, from which the

ound. This done, the Captain was taken back to his cabin, where he was forced to remain all the while the pirates were on board. The officers were kept in the saloon and could only guess what was happening on the ship outside.

PIRATES HAND OUT ORANGES & CIGARETTES.

One of the officers, in telling the *Telegraph* man of his experience, said that the pirates were "not a bad lot." During the night they brought oranges and cigarettes to the officers and also procured them blankets on which to lie down. "They were out to steal and they took all they could, but they treated us all right," said the officer.

The engines of the ship were kept going and the pirates had with them their own pilot, for the ship was navigated into Bias Bay, about 40 miles to the north of the Colony. The cabins of the officers were ransacked, and money, jewellery and clothing were stolen. Passengers' cabins came in for like treatment, whilst the personal effects of the deck passengers were also searched. The pirates must have been in strong force, for they quickly overhauled everything. The No. 1 cargo hold was forced open and some valuable piece-goods cargo was taken out, together with other goods.

THE PIRATES DISEMBARK.

The ship was kept going until just before 4 o'clock this morning. The pilot must have been a little ignorant of the waters of Bias Bay, when making for a point off the shore, he ran the ship aground, accidentally it is thought, but as the boat was then proceeding slowly she went on only slightly. Everything had, apparently, been well planned beforehand, for there were junks and lighters waiting to meet the ship. Some members of the crew were forced to assist the pirates disembark. Three of the ship's life boats were lowered and into these the pirates put their haul and then made the sailors row them to the waiting junks. The shore was quite close, and some of the pirates were rowed directly ashore.

THE BOOTY.

At the time we were making our enquiries it had not been definitely ascertained just how much booty the pirates had reaped, but it is estimated that they took valuables and clothing from the five European officers valued at about \$1,000, between \$600 and \$700 in money in addition, whilst the value of the stolen cargo must run into thousands. How much they secured from the Chinese passengers has not yet been ascertained.

When the pirates had made their get-away, the Captain decided to put back into Hongkong, but it was discovered that the ship was fairly firmly aground. After manoeuvring for some two hours, the ship was finally backed off and brought down to Hongkong. She came into port very early this morning, flying the police flag, and was anchored off Causeway Bay. Police officers and members of the Criminal Investigation Department went on board as soon as they had learned of what had taken place, and a thorough investigation was made. Later in the morning, the ship was taken back to her wharf, near Wing Lok Street, and it is expected that she will set sail again for Swatow this afternoon at four o'clock. No damage was

When a *Telegraph* representative went aboard the ship this morning there were signs of confusion everywhere. The officers' cabins had been very thoroughly ransacked, drawers and lockers having been thrown open and rifled, the less valuable contents being strewn on the floor. Officers were looking through their effects to discover just what had been taken, and they found that everything of value had been stolen. Chinese passengers were still huddled up on deck and the ship was being guarded by police and Indian Guards.

THE OFFICERS.

As stated above, the master of the vessel is Captain William Brewer, the other officers of the ship being: Mr. W. L. Foster, Chief Officer; Mr. H. L. Jerri, Second Officer; Mr. J. C. H. L. Smith, Chief Engineer; and Mr. A. M. Scott, Second Engineer.

The Hydrangea was recently converted into an oil-burner. Being a former British man-of-war, of the same type as the sloops on the China Station, she could do eighteen knots, and was the fastest boat on the Swatow run. She was purchased from the Admiralty by the Chu On Steamship Company some two years ago, and has been operated on the coastal run since.

A PIRATE WOUNDED.

The assistant commander of the ship, when seen by a *Telegraph* reporter this morning, commented on the fine organisation which had enabled the gang to carry out their plans practically without a hitch. The only untoward event was the accidental wounding of one of the pirates who was in the second-class compartment. Here, following the procedure of distributing themselves evenly amongst the three classes of passengers, a robber had installed himself and, on the general signal, expressed by the blowing of a whistle, he produced a Mauser and pointed it at the second-class passengers. Brandishing it carelessly, he accidentally pulled the trigger and the shot wounded another of gang in the leg. This man was later taken away by his companions when they left the ship's boats.

THE PIRATES' SUPPER.

Realising that a panic amongst the passengers in the confined space of the lower deck would have been disastrous, the pirates averred it be warning all to sit down. This being accomplished, the first thing the pirates did before embarking upon more serious work was to order the ship's cooks to prepare supper. This was leisurely taken, after which the pirates made a search of the passengers' effects. The No. 1 hold was opened up and some ten cases hauled up by windlass. By this time, between alternate going forward and backward, the ship had not progressed much and went aground eventually. Remarkable to relate, the winches were actually worked by the robbers, and this and other details in the management of the affair has given rise to the conjecture that included in the gang were a number of ex-seaman or cargo-coolies.

Though a handsome haul in jewellery and money was taken from the passengers, in one case the amount reaching \$1,000, and several cases of piece-goods were taken away, the booty must have been disappointing if the pirates expected to find bullion in the ship's strong room. As a rule, some forty cases of Kwangtung twenty-cent pieces are carried every trip, but in the present case no money was carried at all. The strong room was opened on the pirates' orders and the ship's manifest was also produced to satisfy their curiosity, but a blanket and a sum of about \$100 was all that was yielded.

In the engine room, the staff had to endure the presence of one of the gang. This man had a revolver, with which he gave point by encouraging remarks such as "We do not wish to harm you. All you have to do is to take our orders and we will give you anything you like to eat." The tale

HON. MR. STEPHEN'S CAR.

BOLTS FROM GARAGE OVER EMBANKMENT!

Passengers coming down by the Peak tram this morning were astonished to see a big motor car lying in a badly damaged condition, beneath the embankment near the Helena May Institute, and they had visions of a nasty motor smash with possible loss of life. Enquiries, however, showed that there were no occupants in the car when it went over the bank—a fortunate circumstance, for, if it had been otherwise, serious injuries would no doubt have been inflicted.

The car, which is a Hudson model, belongs to the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, chief manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. This morning, at about eight o'clock, it was standing in Mr. Stephen's private garage on Garden Road, facing outwards, being cleaned by coolies, one of whom must have set the engine in motion, for the car suddenly leapt forward, jumped over the gutter and pavement on the opposite side of the road and then fell many yards into the ravine below. In falling, it must have turned a complete somersault, because it lay head-on towards the garage. Had it gone a few yards further, it would have fallen into the big gullah at this spot.

The car suffered considerable damage as a result of the fall over the embankment, and this morning it was the object of curiosity to many passers-by. It is later removed.

TO ATTACK CHINSHAN.

VILLAGERS FLEE TO MACAO.

In connection with the dispute for control of the Rice Fields Protection Bureau, which we reported yesterday, a strong force belonging to Chu Cheuk-man, the magistrate, is approaching Chinshan, some four miles north of Macao, but Admiral Chan Chak has already had sent from Hongmoon a few more gunboats and 400 soldiers to defend that town. It is further reported that Admiral Chan has also sent forces to capture Siu Lum and Shaki city, so as to drive Chu entirely from the district.

Many inhabitants of villages near by have removed to Macao.

The hold-up had been successfully carried out, and all further orders were shouted into the engine room from overhead by another pirate.

ORDERS BY WHISTLES.

With the exception, of two or three who revealed themselves to be Northerners by the dialect they spoke, the gang spoke Hakka, which is the dialect of the Waichow district. They were all young men, and all dressed respectably. There appeared to be three or four leaders amongst them, who directed orders by means of whistles. It is calculated that \$10,000 worth of personal effects were taken from the passengers.

A PASSING STEAMER.

The appearance of a vessel, surmised to be a China coaster, near the scene at three o'clock in the morning gave rise to a slight panic amongst the pirates. Abandoning all further work at the winches, they transferred the last of the cases brought out of the hold on to a large two-masted junk, alongside, and then got into three of the ship's lifeboats which, as already stated, had been lowered by their orders. They then disappeared into the darkness. The vessel, which had come up passed on, apparently without any inkling of what was taking place

HONGKONG BY NIGHT

WONDERFUL MODEL AT TO-NIGHT'S BALL.

One of the attractions at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock ball to-night will be a display of the models to be sent Home in connection with the forthcoming British Empire Exhibition.

The most interesting, perhaps, is a wonderful view of Hongkong by night. The effect is obtained by enclosing the model in a large peep-show. Looking through eye-holes, one sees the big ships riding at anchor in the harbour, whilst behind is the view of Hongkong to be obtained from Kowloon side on any clear night. The lights from the island and the ships are reflected on the water in a most natural way.

This clever model is the work of Mr. George Duncan. Another fine model, also by Mr. Duncan, is that of the Dockyard. Every little detail is shown, and here, too, Mr. Duncan deserves congratulations. A relief map of Hongkong and the New Territories also is an interesting exhibit.

Other exhibits to be sent Home are some splendid models of a number of ships which the Hongkong and Whampoa Dockyard have turned out during recent years. The work in these models is very thorough, even the tiny winches being working models. Mr. E. Docherty is in charge of this department.

All those who visit the ball to-night are advised not to miss paying a visit to the mould loft, where these exhibits are on view. This will probably be the last opportunity people will have of seeing them as they have to be dismantled almost immediately to be sent to London.

KONGMOON NEWS.

MASS MEETING ON CUSTOMS QUESTION.

Kongmoon, Dec. 27. In connection with the question of the Customs surplus, the Kuomintang Party at Sunwui has circulated the various public organisations and distinguished individuals to arrange for a mass meeting to be held to-day at 1 p.m. A junk-ferry, plying between Sunwui and Kucheng, was held up by pirates, while making for the latter port yesterday. Apart from a big haul, many passengers were seized and are held for ransom.

A large number of marines under Admiral Chak were ordered to leave for the Heungshan district yesterday. A rumour has it that, under instructions from Canton, the Admiral is backing Mr. Lam King-wan, a nominee for the Heungshan Magistracy, to push out the present magistrate, Mr. Chu Cheuk-man.

PRINCE REGENT'S ASSAILANT.

A STUDENT IN REDUCED CIRCUMSTANCES.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. The Prince Regent's assailant proves to be Daijike Namba, aged twenty-five, a student of Waseda University, whose circumstances compelled him to work as a labourer. He is interested in communism. Namba was seriously injured by the crowd, which seized him before the police effected his arrest. *Reuter.*

PENNY POST DEMANDED.

A resolution has been sent by the London Chamber of Commerce to the Dominion Premiers and the Postmaster General urging the reintroduction of Imperial penny postage. Pointing out that the body is representative of the whole of the Empire, it insists that this step would do much to reinvigorate business, and urges that every day's delay is of im-

THE SHIPPING SITUATION.

SALES OF HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI VESSELS.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, December 27. The annual report of the Australian Commonwealth Line's shipbrokers, Turner, Davidson and Co., points out that while freights and the prices of second-hand tonnage have decreased the cost of new tonnage has increased by at least ten shillings a ton, chiefly owing to the rise in the price of steel plates. The past year has generally been depressing to shipowners, the breaking-up market having been the chief outlet for old tonnage, with Germany, Italy and Holland as the principal buyers. A total of 735,101 tons of British and foreign tonnage was laid up in the United Kingdom up to the quarter ended October 1st, of which 727,134 tons was British. The owned, an increase of 45,999 tons compared with July 1st. The outstanding auction of the year was four eight-thousand tonners built at Hongkong, acquired by British shipowners for £158,000, with two 5,100 tonners built at Shanghai for £26,000 each. This showed a loss which must have been considerably over a million sterling. The earthquake in Japan resulted in a demand for second-hand tonnage up to nine thousand tons, and a large number of boats bound to and in Eastern waters was sold.

MORE INDIAN AGITATION.

SUGGESTION AS TO COMING REPUBLIC.

Cocanada, December 27. Presiding at the Indian National Congress, Mr. Mohamed Ali advocated organised non-co-operation, and welcomed the attempt to establish an Eastern federation for understanding among Asiatic peoples. He declared if Mr. Ghandi were not released within a year to receive the Swaraj charter, they ought to unfurl the flag of an Indian Republic.

GERMAN POLICE HEAVILY SENTENCED.

Duesseldorf, December 27. The court-martial trying the Green police in connection with the disturbances in October arising from the Separatist movement has sentenced Grutzmacher, the Prefect of Police, to expulsion and twenty years' hard labour. Others have been sentenced to varying terms up to ten years' solitary confinement.

TREATY BETWEEN FRANCE AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Paris, December 27. As an outcome of President Masaryk's visit in October, a treaty has been drafted between France and Czechoslovakia providing for close co-operation in political, economic and military spheres, especially aiming at the maintenance of the new status of Europe under the Peace Treaties. The treaty will be signed in a few weeks.

THE "MOLDAVIA" FIRE.

Freemantle, December 27. The fire on the s.s. Moldavia has been extinguished. Number three hold is being pumped out. A portion of the cargo will be landed. The hull apparently is undamaged.

THE "PRAVDA" TO BE CENSORED.

Riga, December 27. Alarmed excitement is arising from the publication of opposition articles in the *Pravda*, and the Political Bureau has authorised Zinovief to examine every copy before publication.

NEWS OF THE DIXMUDE.

Paris, December 27. A message from Algiers states that outposts in Mid Sahara report seeing the Dixmude drifting from Insalah towards Hoggar.

A MEXICAN PEACEMAKER.

(*Reuter's American Service.*) Mexico City, December 27. The *Excelsior* reports that General Flores, the Governor of Sinaloa, and a presidential candidate, has initiated a new peace move, details of which are unknown, but it is understood they are the outcome of conferences between Flores' emissary and Generals Obregon and Huerta and several rebel Generals.

(Other Telegrams on Pages 2 and 3.)

"CHINESE ECONOMIC MONTHLY."

A BRIGHT PRODUCTION.

The *Chinese Economic Monthly* for December, which is compiled and published by the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information at Peking, is a bright little number, including a very important translation, by Dr. M. T. Z. Tyan, of the permanent Constitution of the Republic of China.

Other articles include a survey of commercial aviation in China, wheat production and flour milling in the country, railways, paraffin, and umbrellas, and the Shanghai peach-growing industry. Useful plans and statistics are given.

The Government Bureau of Economic Information is a non-political organisation which provides economic, commercial, and industrial information relating to the Republic of China. It is the subject of this nature from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

TO-DAY.

Closing Exchange 2s. 3. 15/16.
Barometer 2 p.m. 30.05
Temperature 2 p.m. 77
Humidity 2 p.m. 49
Lighting Up-Time 5.47 p.m.

NEWS IN THE ADS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

Launches will leave Plate Pier to-night for the Moonlight Dock Ball at 8.15, 9.15 and 9.55 p.m.

A football match in aid of charity will be played on the Soccer Ground on Jan. 1st, between teams representing the Navy and Army.

At 6 p.m. on Monday, next, Union Church, One-hundred and thirty, will hold a service.

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(United Press Service to the "Telegraph").

AERIAL TRIP TO THE POLE.

Washington, Dec. 27.
The Navy Department announces that two ships, the dirigible
Shenandoah and several airplanes will participate in the trip to
the Pole. It declares that the completion of arrangements is
approaching and that the pole route will prove practical.

AMERICAN COASTWISE SHIPPING LAW.

Washington, Dec. 27.
Senator Jones, the author of the coastwise shipping law has
sent a memorandum to President Coolidge urging the extension of
the law making all shipping between the United States and the
Philippines compulsory for American bottoms.

THE NAVY TREATY.

Geneva, Dec. 27.
The Commission of International Navy Experts will meet
on January 21st to draft a convention extending the Washing-
ton Navy Treaty throughout the world through the League of
Nations.

WORLD PEACE PLAN.

New York, Dec. 27.
The Federation of Women's Clubs, with a hundred and fifty
million members will assist the Edwin Bok referendum. The
article is now being printed.

(Reuter's Service.)

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GERMAINE BERTOU ACQUITTED.

Paris, Dec. 27.
The acquittal of Germaine Bertou, the Communist
girl, was hailed by the Communist press as a victory
for the republic and a blow at Fascism in France, and as an
act of vengeance for the death of M. Jaures. On the other
hand L'Action Francaise denounces the verdict as a crime while
the majority of the moderate journals deplore the result of the
trial. It is noteworthy that the Advocate General, after claiming
the full penalty of the law without extenuating circumstances
recalled that Plateau Christian would have pleaded extenuating
circumstances as did his bereaved mother. The Advocate General
associated himself with that plea.—Reuter.

AMERICAN OFFICERS SENTENCED.

Washington, Dec. 27.
A naval court martial has sentenced Captain Watson, and
Lieutenant Hunter, the commanders of the destroyer squadron
which crashed on to the rocks on the Californian coast several
months ago. Captain Watson has been reduced 150 numbers in
the promotion list and Lieut. Hunter one hundred.—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

FIRE IN CHICAGO HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Chicago, Dec. 27.
It is known that fifteen were burnt alive or suffocated and it
is believed that at least three others perished, in a fire in the
Chicago State Hospital for the Insane at Dunning, which destroyed
a frame structure used as a dormitory for tubercular patients.—
Reuter's American Service.

A WAR ECHO.

Capetown, Dec. 27.
Maritz, the leader of the 1914 rebellion, who recently returned
to Africa from Germany, left Lourenco Marques for Pretoria with a
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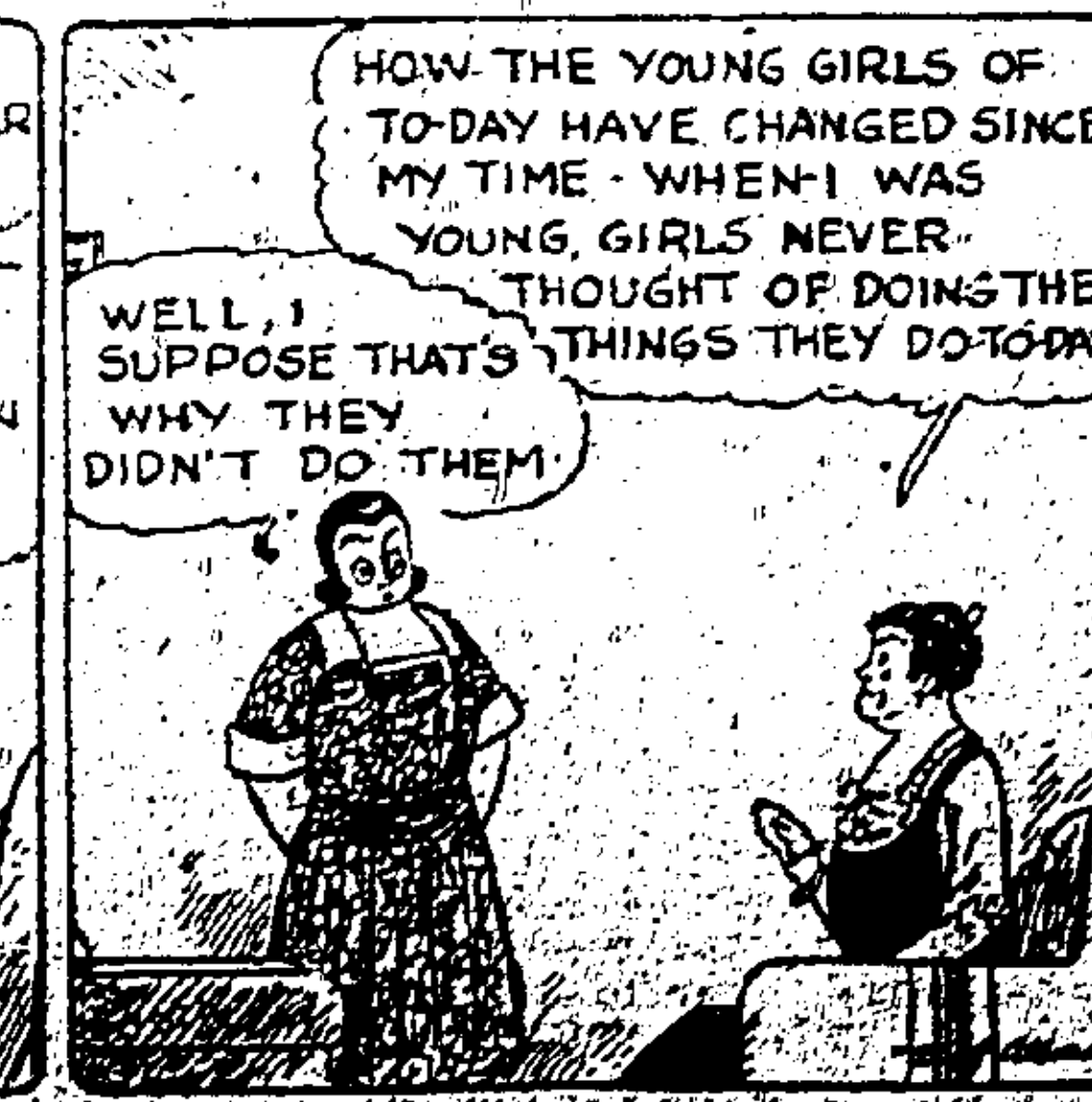
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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CHURCH UNION.

London, Dec. 27.
The fact that three private conferences have been held at Malines in the past two years, between unofficial representatives of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, with a view to exploring the outstanding barriers between the two churches, is revealed in a Christmas message on the subject of reunion of the churches which the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed to Anglican Archbishops and Metropolitan.

The principal Catholic representative was Cardinal Mercier, while Bishop Gore was amongst the five Anglicans at the third meeting a few weeks ago.

The conferences, the latter two of which were apparently held with the official cognisance of the Pope and the Archbishop, discussed, inter alia, the administrative problems which might arise if an agreement were reached on the doctrinal and historical questions sundering the two churches. The Archbishop declared the discussions were still in the elementary stage and no estimate could yet be formed regarding their ultimate value, but it seems indubitable that good must ensue, and it is impossible to doubt that further conversations must follow, though he admits that the difficulties are immense and may prove at some time insuperable.

The Archbishop considers the position of the Church Reunion movement in Britain itself is fraught with abundant hope, while from Overseas reports are steadily arriving showing the eager welcome the reunion appeal has received, both in non-Episcopalian and Episcopalian churches.—*Reuter.*

THE CHINESE MISSION.

Geneva, Dec. 27.

The Chinese Industrial Mission headed by Chang Chien, Jr., left for Italy on the 22nd. The mission curtailed its visit to Geneva owing to arrangements made with the Italian Government for its reception at Rome. All high officials of the League of Nations are satisfied with the result of the visit of the Chinese delegates as it is the first time officials of the League had got in touch with important Chinese who have influence in both governmental and social circles.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL BASE FOR CAPE TOWN.

Capetown, Dec. 27.

The Cape Times discussing the Singapore base scheme pays particular attention to the declaration of Rear Admiral Sir Frederick Field that the Cape route is likely to become still more important as a line of Empire communication in the future than in the past. It urges the construction of a large modern drydock for Capetown for the use of trading vessels and in time of emergency for battleships frequenting the Cape route. It says that the cost of construction at Capetown would be cheaper than at Singapore and for the expenditure of possibly six to seven millions for the Singapore scheme Capetown harbour could be equipped with a feature badly needed by navy and merchant ship-*Reuter.*

HONDURAS TO PAY ITS DEBTS.

Tegucigalpa, Dec. 27.

The Honduras Government has signed an agreement for the payment of the Honduran debt on the basis of £20,000 for each £100,000 worth of bonds issued between 1867 and 1870. Loans totalling £5,398,570 sterling were contracted during that period for the purpose of building a Trans-Oceanic railway but the scheme failed and no interest has been paid since 1872.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ARMY PLANES SEEK DIXMUDE.

Paris, Dec. 27.

The Ministry of Marine reported this morning that it had no news regarding the Dixmude. The Maritime Prefect of Toulon received news that squadrons of army aeroplanes had left Tugurt to reconnoitre the desert.—*Reuter.*

S. S. MOLDAVIA AFIRE.

Fremantle, Dec. 27.

A serious fire has broken out in the forward hold of the s.s. Moldavia. The hold is flooding at the rate of three thousand gallons a minute. The ship's cargo valued at £100,000, is endangered.—*Reuter.*

AGAINST EARTHQUAKE CALAMITY.

London, Dec. 27.

The President of the Italian Red Cross has submitted to members of the League of Nations a plan to establish an International Insurance Fund against earthquakes and similar catastrophes.—*Reuter.*

THE S.S. SHAN TUNG.

ALLEGED MALICIOUS DAMAGE.

Two dock workers came before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday charged with doing malicious damage to the s.s. Shan Tung.

They were represented by Mr. R. E. A. Webster and Mr. M. K. Lo, while the prosecution was in the hands of Mr. T. G. Bennett.

The facts of the case as outlined by the prosecution are that a hole was discovered in a plate of the bulkhead in the peak while the vessel was in dock. It was not known who cut the hole but the first defendant was found trying to repair it by putting another plate over it. He stated that he did this at the direction of the second defendant. The first defendant was the second defendant who was charged with aiding and abetting. The prosecution were of opinion that the hole was there for smuggling purposes. The second defendant had since disappeared.

Mr. A. Crawford, assistant superintendent engineer for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at Taikoo, gave evidence and said that in his opinion the hole was cut within

three days of it being discovered and was therefore done while the vessel was in dock and not while she was at sea.

Cross-examined he said he was of this opinion because the necessary tool would not be carried on board but it would be in use at the dockyard.

A statement made by the first defendant was read and in this he said he did not know how the hole came there, but the second defendant told him to repair it.

Chief Officer Glendenning, of the s.s. Shan Tung, said no member of the ship's crew had authority to give orders to dock workers.

Mr. Wood said the only thing the prosecution had proved was that a plate had been wasted in putting one over where the hole was. He discharged the second defendant.

Mr. Bennett (who had been interrupted by his Worship several times): It is rather difficult when you have got your case up and then are not allowed to conduct it in the way you want to bring it out.

Mr. Lo, for the first defendant, submitted that he had no case to answer.

Mr. Bennett argued that there was a case to answer and his Worship adjourned the case till next Monday to give a ruling on the points that arose.

THE TOKYO SENSATION.

ASSAILANT BELIEVED TO BE INSANE.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—The bullet fired at the Prince Regent this morning narrowly missed the intended victim's head. The Prince immediately took refuge in the Upper House. When he appeared in the Upper House there was no indication among these present that anything unusual had happened. The Prince read his speech in a very calm voice and then returned to the Palace heavily guarded. No visitors were allowed to leave till thirty minutes later. The assailant was dressed as a workman and is believed to be insane. The police are of the opinion that others are implicated. The assailant was seized by an angry crowd but was protected and arrested by the police. The attack was unprecedented in Japan and feeling is running high. The highest admiration is expressed at the Prince's behaviour. Viscount Iriye who accompanied the Regent in the automobile was slightly injured by a fragment of glass.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE RUFIANS ACTIVE.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—Ruffians tried to obtain entrance into Goto and Yamamoto residences this evening but were blocked by the police.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE CABINET RESIGNS.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.—The Cabinet has tendered its resignation.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

EDWARD H. MURRAY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—Edward H. Murray, former assistant American postmaster and former resident of Hongkong, died suddenly this morning of apoplexy at the age of 62.

FIFTY YEARS AFTER.

An Old Murder Revealed.

A story of a conscience tortured by a murder committed nearly half a century ago, was revealed when James Thornton, a surveyor, exploring the mountain region in Nevada, came upon a tumble-down log cabin in Culver Canyon, near the town of Eureka.

In a bunk lay the skeleton of a man, while in a wallet thrust between two logs of the hut, and dust-stained with age, was a confession dated July 1889.

A gold watch engraved with the initials "L. R. S." and a watch-chain from which hung a large silver nugget, lay by the skeleton.

The confession read:—"After 14 years of wandering I am back in the cabin which I built six years ago."

"Surely those six years of hell should go towards the final reckoning. I wonder whether anyone will ever read this, or will it rot beside me?"

"Seems as if I could lie down easier if I write out that which I could not dare whisper since I did it."

"My name is Lee Singleton, born in Crossfield, Maryland; enlisted in the Southern Army; was wounded twice and served until the close of the war, when my parents died."

"I landed in Eureka in 1871; where I went to work as a feeder in the Richmond furnace."

"My companion was one John Murphy, an overbearing man. He insulted me, on several occasions, being much stronger, and a bully, and one day he struck me."

"Murphy signed his death-warrant then and there."

"I waited two weeks for my opportunity, and when it finally presented itself I struck him on the head with my shovel, and threw the body into the furnace. As he sank into the roaring inferno he vanished from my sight."

"After that it seemed as if every shovelful of ore flung into the furnace struck on Murphy's body, and the bubbling of the blast took to itself speech and upbraided me for my wickedness."

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IN connection with the celebration of the third centenary of St. Francis de Sales, the Patron of Catholic writers and journalists, an entertainment under the patronage of His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni, will be given at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th Dec., at the Club Lusitano, by kind permission of the Committee of the Club. All Catholics are cordially invited. An excellent programme has been arranged.

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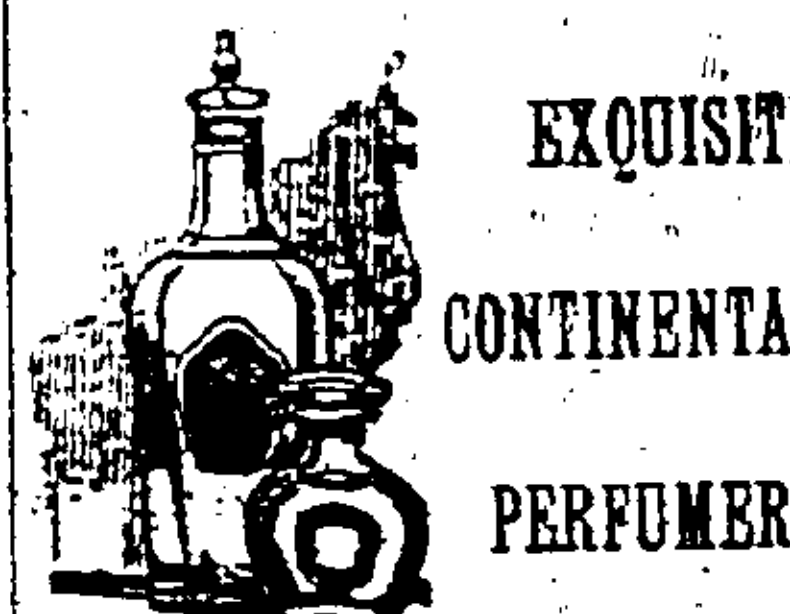
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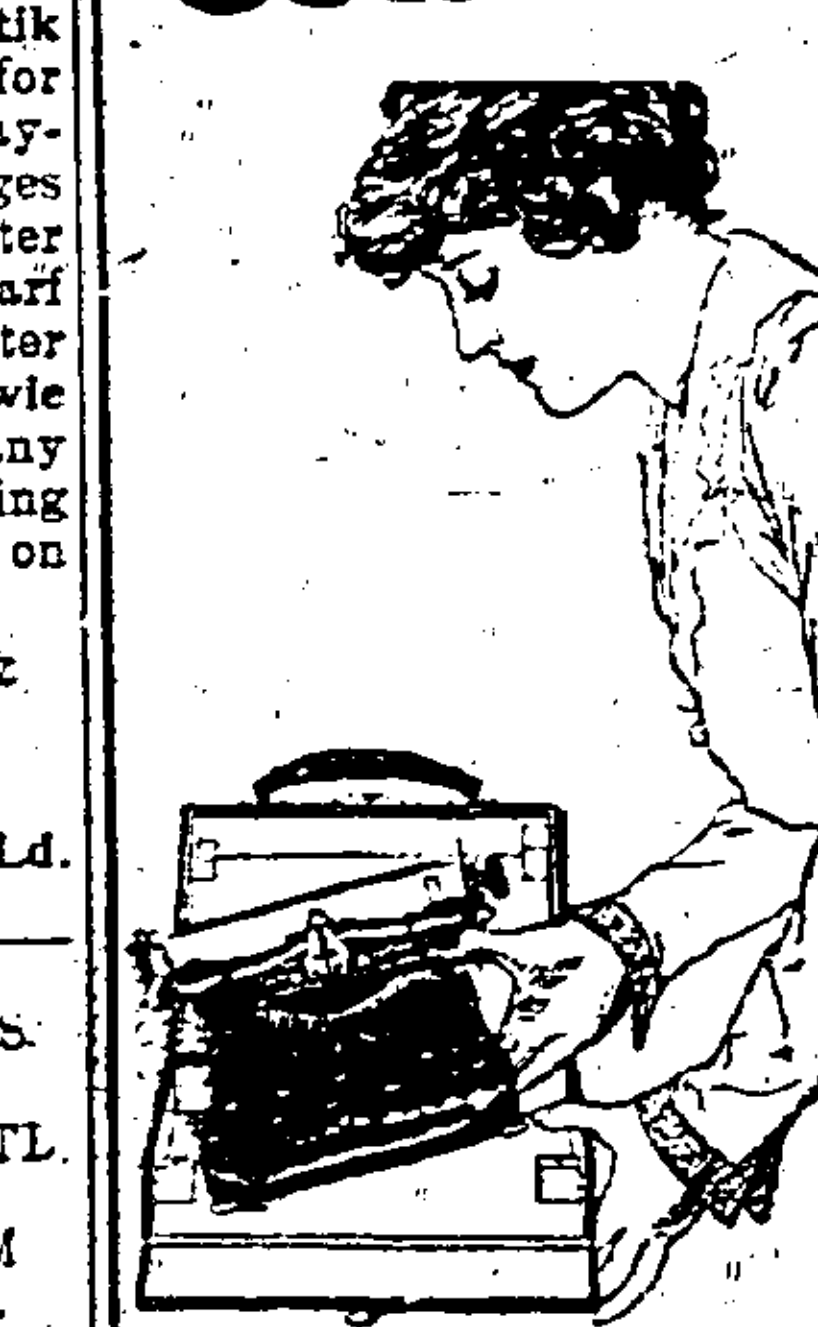
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THE "GPU."

Rival Soviet Forces.

The following article was written by a journalist who has returned from Moscow, after spending the last six months in prison to the London Times of mail week—

The GPU, or State Political Department, a development of the terrible Cheka, is passing through a crisis; it seems to be going more and more out of favour among Communists, and it is said, will soon be subjected to drastic "reform" or even liquidated.

There was a time when even Lenin could not veto what the Cheka, ordained. It had the power (which it freely exercised) of arresting whom it chose, and might shoot its victims on the spot, without any form of trial. The GPU, however, has no authority to shoot without going through the formalities of an investigation, except in cases of resistance or attempts to escape. The change is mainly in theory, and there is no essential difference between the present GPU, and its predecessor, the Cheka; it has merely followed the example of the majority of leading Communists, and, for convenience, adopted a new name.

The GPU is a mighty organisation. It has its own army and fleets, it has vast estates and farms for the recreation of its weary members. Its army is independent of the so-called "Red Army," and, although much smaller, serves to keep the latter on its good behaviour by relentlessly putting down the local mutinies which intermittently break out. It is divided into two bodies, the "Chon" (detachments for special purposes which, with their base at Moscow, are always mobile, always ready to proceed to any near or distant place at a moment's notice) and the "Vokhra" (guards of the interior). These are the bulwarks of the Soviet authority.

Abroad, it is generally considered that the GPU, as its name suggests, is first and last a political organization, but this is not so. Its Economic Department is, in fact, at the present time more powerful and more oppressive even than the Political Section. It is this department which, among other things, curbs the commercial instincts awakened among even the most prominent Communists by the "new economic policy."

"LOUD CASES."

It is not mere rumour, but an undoubted fact, that the opportunities offered to Communists placed at the head of the "trusts" and "syndicates" have in most cases stimulated their natural human cupidity, which, in its turn, has led to a general state of corruption among the unwieldy enterprises which the Soviet system of monopoly has called into being. The Economic Department of the GPU, whose function it is to combat corruption among the new commercial class of Communists and non-Communists, also cannot show a clean sheet, but sometimes it refuses to be "bought off." Then the tribunal has what the Soviet Press calls a "loud case," and exemplary punishment, often death, is meted out to the men who have "betrayed the proletariat."

But a feeling has for the past year been growing in the Communist Party, especially among the so-called "Economist Members," that the Economic Department of GPU is hampering the Government's efforts towards economic reconstruction in Russia, since, even now, almost all commercial activity which results from private initiative may, under the flexible laws of the Soviet union, be interpreted as "economic counter-revolution." A movement has begun for transferring the economic functions of the GPU, in a modified form to the so-called "Workman and Peasant's Inspection Department," limiting the GPU's sphere of action to "political counter-revolution."

It seems that, in response to this movement, the GPU's Economic Department is endeavouring to prove its indispensability by renewed energy and "louder" disclosures. It has for the last five months been giving hints of a "very great case" against Engineer Akopian, who was in charge of the Building Department. What this engineer's crimes are is not yet known to the general public; but it is known that, after others had failed, his organization conducted the Soviet building operations with marked success. In conjunction with the Supreme Russian Engineering Administration, M. Akopian carried out this year's

programme of renovations at the Kremlin. He also took charge of the work for the Agricultural Exhibition. In the middle of April the GPU swooped down upon his organization and arrested a considerable number of its members. Another batch was taken to the GPU's cells in the course of the summer; the rest were left for a time to complete the work, and then they were taken, too. This action is quite inexplicable, in view of the fact that in official Soviet quarters it is openly admitted that without the organizing ability of M. Akopian and the energy of his staff, the exhibition could not have been opened anything near the stipulated time.

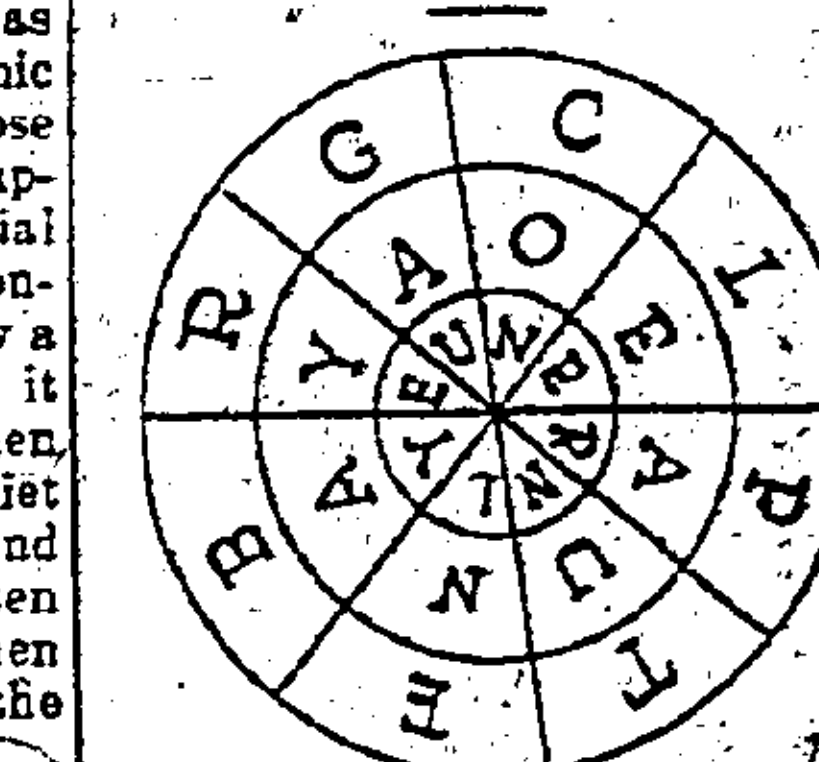
TAKEN TO GAOL.

But it may be interesting to the foreigners who visited and admired the exhibition to learn that of all the persons who took part in arranging the exhibition—contractors, engineers, labourers, even watchmen—about 75 per cent. have since been taken to the GPU's prisons. One building contractor whom I met in prison assured me that he had been arrested because he had offered an engineer one chevronette (a "hurry on the job"). The entire "Committee for Distributing State Revenues" is in prison. Dzerzhinsky is the chairman of this committee and he is now conducting the inquiry himself. There is another "loud case" under examination connected with Commissariat of Supplies; among others the Deputy Manager, Dr. Kahn, former Commissar of the Crimea, is now in the GPU's cells.

But there is no end to these cases. I may with full conviction say there is not a single "trust" or economic organization which is not represented by responsible officials in the Soviet prisons, and in most cases these may be regarded as among the best "speculators" of Russia.

But the "Economists" are gaining ground, and the Soviet Government are beginning to turn their backs on the vicious old watch-dog, which cannot adapt itself to its masters' new moods. They know that Russia's only salvation and their own chance of continuance at the helm lies in economic development, that private zeal and initiative are not always crimes. They show signs of realizing that while copies of every commercial contract signed between Government trusts or between Soviet commercial institutions and a foreign contractor must be sent to the GPU for approval, their progress towards economic reconstruction is being impeded, and it may, therefore, be expected that the GPU's Economic Department will soon be either entirely dissolved or deprived of much of its almost unlimited power.

A PUZZLE A DAY.

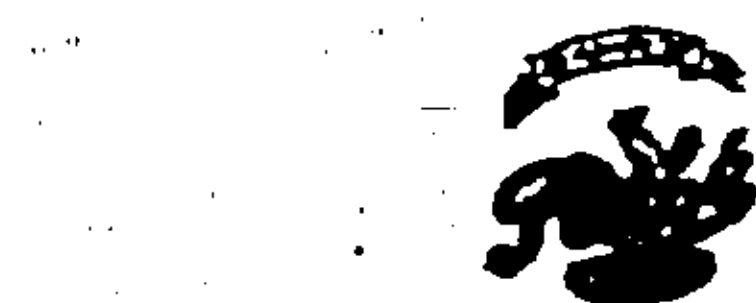


There are three circles in the drawing; and each is divided into eight sections, with a letter in each section. Thus there are eight "rows," or "columns," each containing three letters. Some of these rows spell words: "par," "run," "bay," and "rye," are those which appear. By revolving the circles separately, new rows may be formed. Can you turn the circles to a position where every row will spell a word of three letters?

Yesterday's answer: If a clock made three strokes while a cuckoo clock made two, and the last stroke of the cuckoo clock came to a "cuckoo," and was followed by two more "cuckoos," the hour was five o'clock.

This problem is solved by studying the intervals between the strokes. When the first clock strikes three, there are two intervals; while the cuckoo clock has one interval in striking two. Thus a "cuckoo" is heard on the first stroke; the second "cuckoo" on the third stroke; and the third "cuckoo" on the fifth stroke, which leaves the first two "cuckoos" yet to be heard.

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CANADA'S HISTORY.

Formation of New Society.

The Duke of York was present at a dinner given by Sir Campbell Stuart in honour of Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, at Claridge's Hotel. Sir Campbell Stuart announced the definite formation of the Canadian History Society. The Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught and Lady Minto which was published last June. He added that the King had accepted the office of Patron of the society, the Duke of Connaught that of President the Dowager Lady Minto that of Vice-President, and the Duke of Devonshire that of President of the Council of the Families. In a message the King "gratefully recognized the efforts of the society to give to the coming generations of Canada a deeper insight into the stirring history of their country." The Duke of Connaught wrote: "I am so glad to have been from the first personally associated with this splendid scheme of yours, which will be of the greatest value to the rising generation of Canada as well as to its archives." From the Marquis de Montcalm came a hope that that French branch would soon be able to play a practical part in connection with the early history of Canada. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Speaker, the Duke of Devonshire, the Lord Chief Justice, the Hon. G. P. Graham (Canadian Minister of Railways and Canals), the High Commissioner for Canada, the Agents-General, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, and many other distinguished men were present at the dinner.

FOUR OBJECTS.

The society states its objects in the following terms:—
1. To maintain an interest in the Canada of to-day among the descendants of those who have contributed to the unbuilding of its institutions.

2. To ensure the preservation of historical records relating to Canada and to render them available to the society for the purpose of its publications.

3. To publish in a series of volumes biographies of those who have by their services contributed to the history of the country.

4. To endeavour by research to discover historical sources.

Membership is restricted to descendants or representatives, male or female, of those families who have served Canada in an administrative, ecclesiastical, naval or military capacity. All descendants, whether in the direct line or not, are being particularly asked to register their names with the secretary as soon as possible. Mr. John Buchanan has agreed to act as editor-in-chief of the proposed biographies, which Hodder and Stoughton, Limited, will publish.

An executive committee has been formed, consisting of Sir Campbell Stuart, Sir Robert Kindersley, Sir William Schooling, Mr. John Buchanan, and Dr. A. G. Doughty, with Mr. H. P. Biggar as secretary. A similar society has been formed in France, and the Marquis de Montcalm has accepted the office of President of the Council of the Families. It is hoped shortly to organize a third society in Canada, consisting primarily of descendants of historical families resident in that country. In order to ensure cooperation between these sister societies, annual dinners for men and women members will be arranged in each country, and it is hoped that each society will send delegates to the other's functions.

BE ALERT.

Stamps Worth Fortunes.

A few weeks ago a young stamp collector who had been about six months at this fascinating hobby told me he had been offered a certain collection for £2, and refused it. Among other stamps it contained a mentioned that there was a specimen of the 1851 edition of Hawaii 13 cents.

"What?" I gasped, "refused that for £2? Why if all the rest was rubbish it was worth securing for the one stamp alone."

My young friend's jaw dropped when I told him that particular stamp to-day is worth anything from £75 to £100.

There are several other even more valuable stamps for which a sharp lookout should always be kept. Probably the best-known example is the 1847 edition of Mauritius originally issued at 2d. The last price that I saw quoted for good copies of this stamp was 400 guineas.

Another rare stamp is the 1858 edition of Moldavia 31 parale. Occasionally this is quoted at £300 a specimen, but the price has been up as high as £350.

There are some early editions of Great Britain which may be named. The higher values of the 1878 edition water-marked with Maltese crosses are all of them valuable, that for 10s. being worth about £8 while the stamp originally issued at £1 fetches from £5 to £10, according to its condition. Some of the stamps issued in 1880, especially those with the rose on spray watermark, are very valuable, the 2s. red-brown being worth about £14 unused, and £12 used.

A very sharp watch should also be kept for early American stamps issued in the year 1845. Two very valuable ones are St. Louis and Alexandria, worth about £300 each, while that of Newhaven in the same year is worth little less.

There are fortunes being made almost every day in stamp collecting, but there are many more that are lost by careless examination of collections and casual scrutiny of odd parcels of stamps which the collector may be offered—"Philatelist" in *Daily Express*.

ANOTHER STEAMER DISAPPEARS.

It is not often that a large and comparatively new steamer is reported missing. Yet this is what has unfortunately happened to the Baron Blantyre. She was 3,193 tons gross, and was built at Greenock in 1918, her owners being at Hogarth Shipping Company, Limited. She left Port Natal on August 9 for Adelaide with a cargo of 6,262 tons of coal. Six days latter the s. Mary Horlock, which was bound for Sydney, received what is believed to be the last wireless message from the missing vessel. It ran: "Baron Blantyre. Durban-Australia, cargo coal, meeting extremely bad weather." The Mary Horlock herself encountered dangerous seas. Repeated efforts were made to communicate with the Baron Blantyre, and wireless messages were broadcast to all vessels between Australia and South Africa to keep a sharp lookout for her, but nothing further was seen or heard of her. It is thought that the stormy weather dismantled the wireless and eventually overwhelmed the vessel, but various theories were put forward at the time. Other suggestions are that spontaneous combustion occurred in her coal cargo, causing an explosion, or that the steamer had struck an iceberg, though the latter surmise is regarded as improbable.



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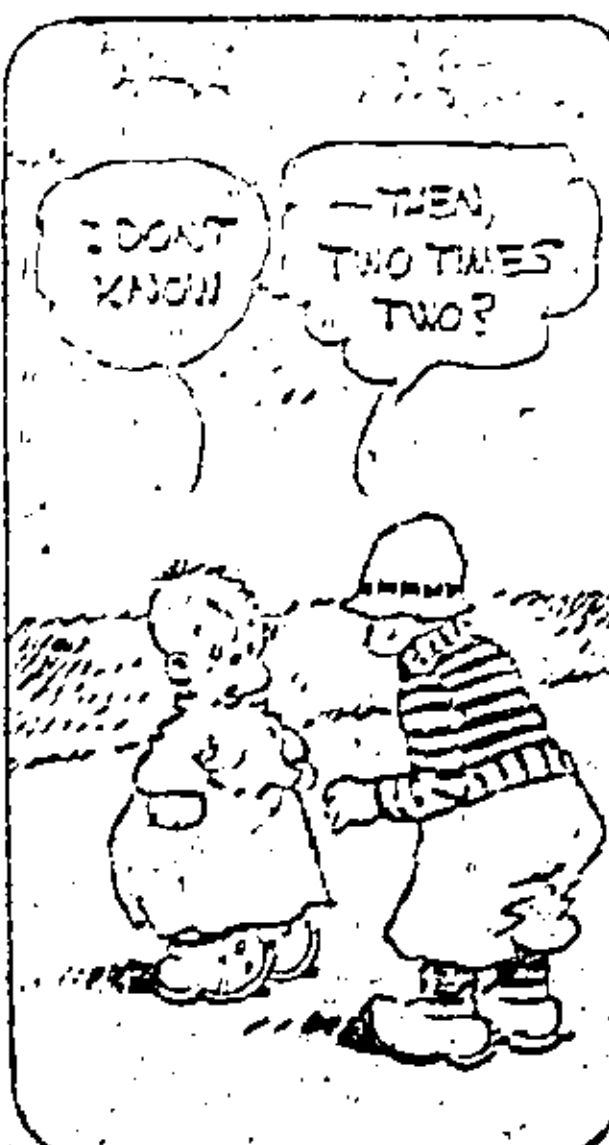
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U.S. SHIPPING LAWS.

The news published yesterday about President Coolidge's intention of having the coastwise shipping laws of the United States extended to the Philippines is of special concern to this part of the world, besides affecting the general shipping situation. If the regulations now operating on the American coast be introduced in the Philippines, it will mean a check on some of the foreign ships, calling at Manila and other ports, and we cannot help wondering whether there will not be considerable resentment caused. It is well known that the Jones-Bill (afterwards, through the French rendering of it as the *Belle Jones*, more familiarly referred to by seafarers as "Bill Jones") caused a great deal of controversy and much talk of retaliation by other maritime nations. Nevertheless, the American Government in introducing its coastal shipping laws was merely following a precedent set, if we mistake not, by such countries as Japan and Australia. From restrictions permitting only American vessels to trade between American ports, it is now sought to have the ban extended so as also to confine trading between the United States and the Philippines to American ships. The late President Harding is recorded as having refused to issue the necessary proclamation for this extension because he feared it might conflict with a number of existing international treaties to which the United States Government is a party, but apparently it is now considered that no such conflicting interests would be created.

The whole point of the matter is contained in the statement that it is understood both the Senate Commerce Committee and the Shipping Board now regard the American shipping facilities as being sufficient for the new policy. The United States mercantile marine has for long been of remarkably small proportions for a country of such vast size and huge resources, so that American goods have been carried in foreign ships, chiefly British. This has naturally not been a pleasing thought for the Administration, whose efforts to run a Government fleet have, incidentally, become a matter of

ridicule. However, there has been adequate private enterprise to step into the breach, so we now find an increased showing of the stars and stripes on the ocean highways, and dependence on foreign vessels has grown considerably less. The step suggested by Mr. Coolidge is but a continuation of the policy of giving American cargoes to the country's own ships, and employment to its own seafaring nationals.

Home Politics.

Although the General Election is over, it is clear that politically the situation at Home is still far from being composed. There is evidently much speculation going on with regard to the intentions of Mr. Baldwin when Parliament reassembles. Angry feelings have been aroused as a result of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald alleging that an attempt is being made to "wangle" the Constitution. Precisely what the Labour leader means by this term it is hard to say, because the cables are not very informative on the point. But we presume that he has in mind some kind of idea that an effort is being made to shut the Labourites out of office, for he goes on to hint that the Baldwin Government has not resigned because it hopes to effect "an unholy and unprincipled coalition." The inference that overtures are taking place with a view to an alliance between Conservatives and Liberals seems, however, unwarranted from the outspoken declaration by Mr. Asquith against such a fusion. Even if there were grounds for believing that something of this nature were happening, we do not see what cause Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has for the use of intemperate language which might easily create wrongful impressions abroad as to the British political situation. There is nothing inherently "unholy" or "unprincipled" about a Coalition, however much one may dislike it. It seems to us that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is betraying an undue anxiety to get into office. He may have his chance one day, but that time is evidently not yet. Maybe when he has tried his hand at governing he will begin to realize that it is far easier to criticize than to rule.

Juvenile Beggars.

We had something to say a little time ago regarding the presence of professional beggars on Battery Path, and since then have been glad to note that most of the old hands at the game have disappeared from this locality. But a little fresh group of juvenile mendicants has now taken to the business a little further up—well within the Cathedral compound. This group comprises five little boys and girls, the former being equipped with tom-toms which they beat to attract the attention of passers-by. They are well versed in their job, which they carry out with due and proper ceremonial kow-tows being a specialty with them. What is more, they are most persistent, and they follow pedestrians well out into Garden Road, clamouring for cumsaws. They have been at this spot for about two weeks now, and every evening they are there, waiting for homegoers. This kind of thing ought not to be tolerated. The Chinese police in the vicinity appear to take no notice of these youngsters whatever. Can't something be done to clear our streets, at least in the heart of the city, of young nuisances of this type?

CORONET THEATRE.**"DANGEROUS BUSINESS."**

Sunny Constance Talmadge is at the Coronet to-day in a comedy of very piquant incident, called "Dangerous Business." Miss Talmadge's name has become famous in this particular kind of part, as she possesses the rare faculty of carrying off a delicate situation with aplomb.

Kenneth Harlan plays the male principal in the film. He gives a convincingly natural representation of the good young man who finally adopts drastic methods to stop his sweetheart's trifling. Only when he goes in for "cave-man stuff" does he succeed in making the girl take him seriously. A good all-round cast appear in support.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO PUT OFF AN UNPLEASANT DUTY.—From "His Lady Secretary."

Thirty Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, 33 of which were from Kowloon.

The Vacuum Oil Company has issued an artistic wall calendar bearing pretty studies of attractive girls.

From the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. and the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. we have received a useful desk calendar.

The silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Russia on 23rd November arrived in New York on 23rd December, having been 24 days in transit.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore advising them of the following dividends:—Glenalee Plantations, Ltd., 5% final; Pantai, Ltd., 4% final.

Booking for the Repulse Bay Carnival, to be held on New Year's Eve, has been closed. This information was received after the advertisement appearing on Page 8 had gone to press.

The silk shipped per s.s. President Grant sailing from this port on November 30 at 10 a.m. arrived in New York on December 24 at 2 a.m., having been 23 calendar days and 16 hours in transit.

We have received copies of extravagantly-worded manifestoes issued by the Citizens' Association of Diplomacy for the Canton Government with regard to the Customs question. One of these is addressed to the working classes of the Powers, and the other "to the weak nations of the world."

H. B. Warner, the celebrated English actor who has become a film star in the States, has a wonderful part in "God's Man," the strong moral drama that will be shown to-night at the Grand Theatre. To-morrow, Anita Stewart appears in the big "spy" melodrama "Yellow Typhoon," and Buster Keaton is also in the programme with "The Boat."

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include groups taken at the weddings of Major A. L. Cruickshank and Miss L. M. Garden, and of Mr. J. D. Kinnaird and Miss A. J. McMillan; as well as pictures of inter-University cricket club teams and of H.M.S. Despatch prize rifle-shooting team. Besides other illustrations, our Motoring Supplement will contain a photograph of the Rolls-Royce car supplied by the Hongkong Hotel Motor Garage to the son of the Governor General of the Philippines, taken outside the Manila Hotel.

FOOTBALL.**SATURDAY'S TEAMS.**

The following will represent Sacred Heart Football Club against University on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. on the St. Joseph's ground:—F. Cruz; Yuen Shiu-chun, A. Jackson (Capt.); G. Mohamed, B. A. Hyder, Chan Kum-yau, M. Y. Adal, Shuen Kam-shun, Cheong Kam-shun, Teo Kam-fook, Lam Wing-chun. Reserve—Tam Kong-ling.

The following will represent the Club Reserves in their 2nd Division League match with the Club de Recreo on the Club Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.:—W. Barr, H. T. Buxton, J. Lyon, A. Ferguson, E. W. Raiton (Capt.), S. H. Garrod, R. B. Bell, J. Douglas, A. Roberts, J. Gardner, G. T. May, Reserves—A. F. Paul and R. W. Williamson.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI in their 1st Division League match with H.M.S. Ambrose, on the Club Ground, kick-off 4 p.m.—R. Hutchison; C. E. Bishop, J. McCubbin; G. Watson, J. Stewart, J. W. R. McPhail; W. Stewart, A. S. Forsyth (Capt.) H. G. Howard, S. D. Begg, G. Angus.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their 1st Division League match versus "Diomedes" on the Navy "B" ground on Saturday, 29th, kick-off 4 p.m.:—C. Stewart, J. Morton, T. L. Knight, S. Sibley, J. McKeivie, B. Pascoe, K. Mason, A. Duncan, A. Latham, C. Millard, J. Muir. Reserve—J. Leonard.

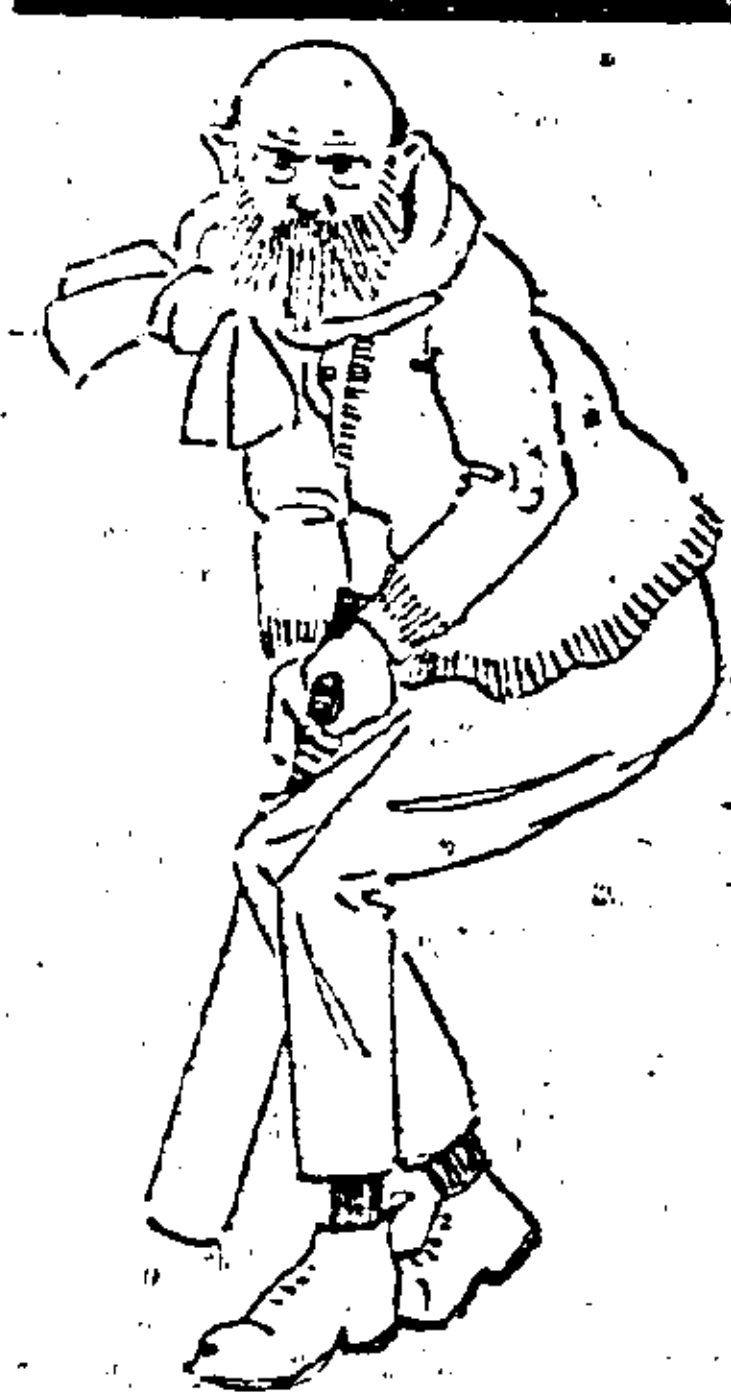
CRICKET NOTES

BY
THE ARMCHAIR
CRITIC



Cricket, turkey and ham, plum pudding (two helpings) and then cricket. Such is Christmas. Everything started quietly enough on Saturday when the Club avenged their last season's defeat at the hands of the University. As a struggle, it was quite a good game. The University were dismissed fairly cheaply, but fought hard and to such good purpose that seven of the Club's wickets had fallen before the winning hit was made.

This match witnessed the return of Ponsonby-Fane—an event I view with mixed emotions. While I am all in favour of brighter cricket and really enjoy, and I think, appreciate any humour that may creep into the game, I feel that one or two things might, without loss, be dispensed with. To keep wicket without pads may be simply great-heartedness and supreme disregard for physical pain; or, again, it may be just affectation. Also, a player who stonewalls solidly and only gets an occasional single by mischance is neither an asset nor an ornament to a team.



The United Services were no match for the Club by who, means of consistent batting, compiled the biggest score of the year—413 for 7. This was a little too heavy for the U.S. who were beaten by an innings and 203 runs. For the Club, E. B. Reed bowled extremely well. In the two innings he bowled 27 overs and secured 7 wickets for 34 runs. The only Services batsman who looked at all comfortable was Hargreaves, who played quite an attractive little innings.

The "Varsity" match was an amusing fixture and attracted quite a crowd of distinguished spectators, each looking very important and endeavouring to convey the impression that he had just missed his Blue when he was there. A familiar figure to Sir Claudius made a welcome re-

**"FIGURE"**

appearance, and despite everything, bowled really well. At one stage of the game it was all Broke's Alley to a farthing on Oxford, but the game swung round to quite a close thing, the Dark Blues winning by a narrow margin.

These mid-week matches are an excellent institution; but they have one or two disadvantages. During the Oxford and Cambridge match quite a number of otherwise respectable business men found it necessary to "go round to the Bank" with amazing frequency. Some of them took surprisingly devious routes, via the Cricket Club being an easy favourite.

Away with this sham! Let us make a clean breast of it and ask for a day off in which to bury the poor old lady.

HOLIDAY GOLF.**THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.**

The Christmas golf competitions resulted as follows:—Tombstone Competition.—Won by Mr. E. P. Winslow who "died" at the edge of the wood, 50 yards short of the 19th hole. The runner-up was Mr. J. P. Warren who reached the 18th green.

Mixed Foursomes Competition.—There was a good entry and the following were the best scores returned:

Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Ross...	50 x 38 = 88	14 = 74
Col. & Mrs. E. A. Hill...	47 x 39 = 83	6 = 77
Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Stewart...	47 x 40 = 87	10 = 78
Mrs. Fitzroy Williams & Mr. E. Grimble...	46 x 42 = 88	10 = 77
Mrs. Lindell & Mr. Claxton...	51 x 47 = 98	19 = 79
Mr. & Mrs. N. L. Smith...	49 x 45 = 94	12 = 82
Mrs. Hornell & Mr. T. G. Bennett...	50 x 52 = 102	19 = 83
Mrs. H. Humphreys & Mr. J. Hooper...	50 x 48 = 108	23 = 85
Mrs. Piercy & R. V. Sewell...	52 x 46 = 98	12 = 86
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Stark...	52 x 45 = 97	12 = 86

Special Medal Round.—Won by Mr. R. A. Camidge with a very creditable score of 78 less 4—74 nett.

Two Club Competition.—H. R. Buckland (scr.) 86 and H. U. Ireland 90 (minus 4, equals 86 nett) tied.

Bogey Pool.—R. L. Moncrieff 5 up.

HER ONLY REDRESS.

All summer he had been playing golf, leaving his faithful wife at home—a golf widow. But now the golfing season had ended and he had come back to the bosom of his family. Silence greeted him as he entered the door. The faithful wife was not there. Searching the empty rooms, he found a note pinned to the parlor lamp shade. It read: "I have learned Mah Jongg." That was all—but it was enough. "My goah!" he cried. "A Mah Jongg widower!"

A WONDERFUL SIGHT.

Astronomers are already making arrangements for observing the eclipses of the sun on January 24, 1925. Nine-tenths of the sun's

THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.

The International Congress for fighting Cancer, in deciding that the disease is neither contagious nor hereditary, said that the known causes of the disease were intoxicants, irritants, and parasites, and sometimes X-rays. Persons handling compositions which contain arsenic were liable to the ailment.

diameter will be eclipsed in England, but the most interesting fact about the phenomenon is that the Niagara Falls are just on the central line of the eclipse, with a totality of two minutes. The Falls in winter are frozen, and with a total eclipse will be the sight of a millennium.

CRICKET.

ARMY V. NAVY.

The Navy and Army met yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground at cricket, and some interesting play was witnessed. At the close of play in the evening the Army had 206 to get, but failed in the task when the match was resumed this morning. A feature of the game to-day was Lt. Commander Lockhart's work behind the wickets, where he practically performed the duties of slips and wicket-keeper. The 7 "extras" consisted only of three "no balls," three leg-byes and one wide.

The full scores are as follow:—

Navy—1st Innings.

Pay Lt. Cornu, Pafford, c and b	27
Rough	1
Mid. Evans, c Stripp, b Jacob	20
Lt. Comm. Jotham, l.b.w. Kent	33
Rev. Fr. Purcell, b Walker	10
Pay Lt. Comm. Hargreaves, c Stripp, b Jacob	8
Lt. D'Arcy Evans, c Stripp, b	40
Dods	28
Lt. Besant, b Jacob	40
Lt. Boyle, not out	40
Lt. Gould, c Stripp, b Jacob	2
Lt. Comm. Lockhart, b Walker	7
Surg. Lt. Pomfret, st. Stripp, b Walker	13
Extras	5
Total	251

Bowling Analysis.—

O. M. R. W.	
Rough	0 1 50 1
Jacob	16 3 50 4
Walker	9 3 2 50 3
Cockell	2 2 9 1
Kent	5 1 35 1
Dods	5 1 34 1

2nd Innings.

Pafford, l.b.w. Walker	11
D'Arcy Evans, l.b.w. Jacob	20
Besant, c Walker, b Jacob	34
Boyle, c Armstrong, b Jacob	15
Rev. Fr. Purcell, c Armstrong, b Jacob	6
Jotham, c Dods, b Jacob	2
Evans, c Stripp, b Rough	4
Hargreaves, not out	2
Lockhart, b Rough	1
Gould, c Stripp, b Rough	0
Pomfret, c Alltree, b Jacob	0
Extras	4
Total	102

Bowling Analysis.—

O. M. R. W.	
Jacob	10 3 55 6
Walker	6 1 19 1
Kent	2 1 19 1
Rough	2 1 5 3

Army—1st Innings.

Capt. Kent, c Lockhart, b Pomfret	7
Lt. Armstrong, c Gould, b Pomfret	20
C. Q. M. S. Stripp, b Pomfret	9
Lt. Alltree, b Gould	24
Capt. Dods, b Pomfret	31
Maj. Hattersley-Smith, b Pafford	1
Lt. Sgt. Cockell, b Gould	5
Capt. Walker, c and b Gould	10
Sgt. Percy, c and b Besant	4
M. G. Rough, c Pafford, b Gould	4
Q. M. S. Jacob, not out	6
Extras	19
Total	148

Bowling Analysis.—

O. M. R. W.	
Hargreaves	4 3 10 1
Pomfret	15 5 36 4
Evans	5 1 17 1
Gould	11 1 46 3
Pafford	5 1 19 1
Besant	3 1 1 1

Army—2nd Innings.

Cockell, c Jotham, b Hargreaves	0
Stripp, b Pomfret	2
Kent, l.b.w., b Pafford	41
Armstrong, b Evans	10
Alltree, b Evans	0
Dods, c Evans, b Besant	10
Hattersley-Smith, b Boyle	14
Walker, c Pafford, b Hargreaves	5
Percy, not out	8
Rough run out	4
Capt. C. Pomfret, b Pafford	5
Extras	7
Total	106

Bowling Analysis.—

O. M. R. W.	
Pomfret	5 1 8 1
Hargreaves	6 2 17 2
Evans	10 3 26 2
Besant	6 2 18 1
Gould	3 1 7 1
Boyle	3 1 9 1
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R.E. v. I.R.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the I.R.C. second string in their league match against the R.E. in the latter's ground to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.—D. Rumjahn, J. Khan, F. M. el Arculli, J. Currie, N. B. Kitchell, A. Kitchell, M. P. Mader, L. Hassan, Y. A. Wahab, O. Rumjahn, & H. D. Rumjahn.

HE'S HEARD HER.

Mrs. Newbridge—Well, Henry, anything goes wrong, I will be able to keep the wolf away from the door by singing. Mr. Newbridge—There isn't the slightest doubt of that, dear.

ON SMOKING.

In Defence of the Habit.

The discovery recently of a small quantity of Indian hemp (cannabis indica or "hashish") in tobacco appears to have aroused considerable uneasiness.

The old arguments against smoking in all its forms have been advanced once more, and we have been told on medical authority that this habit is responsible for most of our present-day ills.

Unhappily for this view, every serious attempt which has been made to test the claim that smoking is unhealthy has failed. Some years ago, for example, it was suggested that a condition known as "soldier's heart" was due to the excessive use of cigarettes. A number of the victims of this complaint were invited to offer themselves for test and smoked the usual "gaspers" under strict supervision.

Beyond a slight quickening of the pulse nothing was observed which could reasonably be called a harmful effect.

The investigation, indeed, was of so negative a kind that no action of any sort arose out of it and the sick soldiers were not deprived of their consolation.

More recently some attempts to produce cancer in experimental animals by means of tobacco failed completely, though tar and certain chemicals easily produce this disease. Thus the theory that mouth cancers are due to smoking remains largely without proof.

It should perhaps be added, however, that some evidence exists that a short, hot clay pipe with a narrow bore is possibly a source of irritation which may lead to this disease. A wooden, wide-bore pipe may be regarded as practically safe.

Nor is there satisfactory evidence that smoking causes catarrh of the throat or air passages. Smokers, it is true, suffer from these complaints occasionally. But so also do non-smokers. Unless it can be shown that the sufferings of one group greatly exceed those of the other the matter is not worth troubling about.

According to its critics tobacco, however, is a "poison." As such it must necessarily be injurious.

Reasoning of this kind betrays a lack of knowledge of the manner in which the human body reacts to its environment. It is probable that, in the first instance, most of our everyday foods were "poisons."

We have become accustomed to them. That is to say we have been able to discount their inimical qualities.

The smoker actually passes through a stage during which tobacco does "poison" him. He shows, in these days, all the symptoms of an intoxication such as follows: the taking of food which "disagrees"—sickness, nausea, giddiness.

ACQUIRED TOLERANCE

But once he has acquired his "tolerance" these symptoms trouble him no longer. It is merely grotesque to say that a man enjoying a cigar or pipe is "sucking in poison." Indeed, such statements serve only to reveal the fanaticism of the authors.

On the other hand, tobacco is a valuable sedative the use of which, without doubt, is most helpful to many people. Our modern world, with its noise and its ceaseless calls for action both bodily and mental, must be classed among the stimulants.

Exposed to its "burly burly," nerves become "frayed." There is actual need of a mild and innocuous antidote which can be taken in frequent doses.

Modern men and women, too, are fortunate in possessing just such a medicine to their feelings. They are the more fortunate that smoking itself, the act of taking the medicine, is pleasurable.

The exact "mechanism" of this pleasure is a mystery. Probably every sense contributes to it in some measure—the feel of the cigar, pipe or cigarette, the gentle puffing sounds, the sight of the smoke, the fragrance of the tobacco, its taste. But behind all these is the mind freed, for a brief space from its pre-occupations.

Health is no mere affair of the body. Everything which makes for happiness, for contentment, for the equanimity, deserves to be classed as a health agency. Tobacco emphatically belongs to this category.

Nor does it appear to matter much what form of smoking is indulged in. There is a tradition in favour of cigars and pipes and against cigarettes; but it is very difficult to find on what evidence

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will give two small dances at Government House on Friday, 25th, January, and Friday, 1st, February respectively.

On Christmas Day, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained a large party to dinner. Amongst the guests were H. E. Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady Leveson, Commander and Mrs. Thursfield, Flag Lieut. Peachey, R.N., H. E. Senhor and Mme. de Freitas, H. H. Sir William and Lady Rees-Davies, Hon. Mr. Messer, Hon. Mr. Creasy, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen, Sir William and Lady Brunyate, Mr. and Mrs. Holt Gale, Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Capt. and Mrs. Dickens, Capt. and Mrs. Brodie, Comm. and Mrs. Watson, Comm. and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Miss Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond, Miss Addis, Miss Beatrice Wilson, Mr. W. G. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer Ball, Captain Hey, Midshipman Roberts, R.N., Midshipman Landay-Watson, R.N.

On Boxing Night, His Excellency, attended by Capt. R. Neville, A. D. C., was present at the dinner given by Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stephen, at their house, in St. John's Place, for the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Lady Stubbs was unable to attend, owing to a slight cold.

On Tuesday, 1st, January, His Excellency will be present at the Battle Memorial Parade of the Bombay Grenadiers at Kowloon at 10 a.m., and on the afternoon of the same day His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will visit the Kowloon Cricket Club, on the occasion of the Club's Annual Children's Sports.

On Wednesday, 2nd January, His Excellency, with a party from Government House, will be present at the Interport Rugby football match.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES.

Fifty-two nations will send a total of over 30,000 athletes to take part in the Olympic Games that are to be held in France next year. The construction of the immense stadium at Colombes, just outside Paris, of a swimming bath at Tourelles, and other works in connection with the games will cost 30,000,000 francs. It is estimated that by far the greater part of the expenses will be provided for by the receipts from the enormous crowds that are certain to be attracted.

APE INTELLIGENCE.

Miss Cunningham writing of animal habits tells the following story of the young gorilla, whose kind teacher she was. One day when a piece of fillet-bait came in from the butcher's, she cut off a tiny, rough piece and offered it to "John." He gravely handed it back, and gently taking her hand pressed it against a soft, juicy piece. This action, which there was no resisting, illustrates genuine intelligence.

UP TO DATE TRAPPER.

A caterpillar tractor is about to be put to a novel use this winter in Alaska. A trapper in that region named Abel De Vine has been hunting musk-rat, mink, and other for nearly twenty years from the mouth of the Chandler River down the Yukon. Every winter he has tramped up-stream on the ice for two days, baiting and setting his traps, and after resting for a day has tramped back for two days, covering the same line. This winter he will utilise a tractor equipped with snowtrucks, swinging draw-bar, and snowplough. By driving it up the frozen river he will be able to set out 250 traps on both shores and for short distances up tributaries to the Yukon.

This tradition is based. Vast numbers of men and most women who smoke at all are cigarette smokers. There is no reason to think that they fare worse than those who do not indulge in this manner of consuming tobacco.

The truth is that our world abounds in theories which have a plausible appearance but are quite unsupported by actual observation. The subject of health is especially attractive to the makers of these bogeys. Any custom or habit is sure, sooner or later, to be denounced by them.

Those of us who like to be presented with evidence are not beloved of this section of the community. We can afford to ignore them and to persist in our enjoyment until it has been proved that we must pay too heavy a price for it.—Times.

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LIFEBOAT CENTENARY.

A Record to Be Proud Of.

On March 4, 1824, at a "Public Meeting of Noblemen, Gentlemen, Merchants, and others" held at the City of London Tavern, there was founded the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, recognized as one of the noblest organizations in the world, and the model of the lifeboat services of all countries with maritime interests. The centenary of the institution is close at hand, and arrangements are being completed for its fitting celebration. The Prince of Wales (who is president of the institution) has written an introduction to "Britain's Lifeboats: the Story of a Century of Heroic Service," the official history of the institution, by Major A. J. Dawson. The Prince says: "Such a story cannot but be read with pride by all British men and women. Above all, it must stir the heart of every British boy and girl, to whom it ought, through these pages, to become familiar, for it is one of the noblest parts of our heritage as a great seafaring race." The celebrations will begin with a meeting at the Mansion House on March 4, and an effort will be made to reproduce, as far as possible, the features which characterized the original meeting at the City of London Tavern. The Archbishop of Canterbury will move the first resolution, as did his predecessor of a hundred years ago and it will be seconded and supported by eminent men. It is hoped that the descendants of many of those who took part in the first meeting will be present. The first resolution will be one of recognition and gratitude for the past, and the second will pledge the meeting to support the institution in the future.

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HONOURED GUESTS.

On June 24 a Lifeboat Centenary Ball will be held. Many who will attend are expected to appear in the costume of a hundred years ago. The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the Centenary Dinner to be held on July 12, at which

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CAMERA NEWS.



Babe Ruth talking with John L. Simmons, catcher, of Washington, who won the world's amateur title at Cleveland in a tournament.



Here is Mrs. Anna Rodgers, of Cleveland, and her eleven great grand-children. She has six daughters and 40 grand-children besides.



Here is "Uncle Bing," the largest steer in the world. He's from Garden City, Kansas.



The executive committee of the American Olympic Committee is meeting in New York to settle the final plans for selection of an American team and the means of financing. Photo shows the opening meeting.



Photo shows an official of the Reichsbank in Berlin counting the gold resources of the institution.



Princess Helen Cantacuzene of Rumania, who has created a stir in court circles by announcement of her intention to go upon the stage.



These dogs have been presented to White House by the Island White Collie Kennels.

SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Changshing	B & S	Shanghai	B 12
Kashing	B & S	Shanghai	C 12
Hok On	B & S	Shanghai	C 12
Kaiser I. Hind	B & S	Shanghai	C 12
Unita	B & S	Shanghai	C 12
Wan Maithide	B & S	Shanghai	C 12
Hyson	B & S	Shanghai	C 12

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Kaiser I. Hind	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
Yunnan	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
Haitan	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
Odin	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
Kashing	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
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Unita	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
Wan Maithide	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.
Hyson	B & S	Shanghai	28th Dec.

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Tamha M.	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
Unita	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
Torilla	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
Kaiser I. Hind	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
Changshing	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
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Hyson	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.

Impending Arrivals.

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Torilla	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
Kaiser I. Hind	N.Y.K.	Colombo	28th Dec.
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Consignees Diary.

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods	Free Storage	Claims to be	Examination Date
Unita	N.Y.K.	Colombo	Dec. 29	Jan. 21	Dec. 28
Kaiser I. Hind	N.Y.K.	Colombo	Jan. 2	Jan. 2	Jan. 2
Changshing	N.Y.K.	Colombo	Jan. 2	Jan. 2	Jan. 2
Unita	N.Y.K.	Colombo	Jan. 2	Jan. 2	Jan. 2
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Hyson	N.Y.K.	Colombo	Jan. 2	Jan. 2	Jan. 2

Steamers' Movements.

Empress of Australia, arrived at Kobe on the 27th Dec. left Kobe on the 28th and is due at Yokohama on the 29th Dec. Empress left port Said 24th inst. for Japan, Marseilles, Liverpool and Glasgow. Teucer left port Said 24th inst. for Boston and New York. Alouette arrived at New York on 24th inst.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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KHIVA	9,097	12th Jan.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	19th Jan.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MACEDONIA	11,089	26th Jan.	B'bay, M'les, L'don, A'werp
KASHGAR	8,840	9th Feb.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SOUDAN	6,696	15th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TAKADA	6,949	28 Dec. 1 p.m.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
UMTA		29th Dec.	Dairen
TORILLA	5,305	22nd Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

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ARAFUA	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Thurs., Is. Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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KASHGAR	8,840	30 Dec. 3 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TORILLA	5,305	31st Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe
SICILIA	6,813	5th Jan.	Shanghai
JAPAN	6,052	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	12th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
MOORE	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,098	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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GLENBEG	14th Jan.	G'ba, L'don, Hull, R'dam, H'burg	20th Jan.
GLENSIDA	28th Jan.	GLENTARA	20th Jan.
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ANDRE LEBON	—	—	21st Jan.
AMBOISE	30th Nov.	3rd Jan.	4th Feb.
CORDILLERE	14th Dec.	17th Jan.	18th Feb.
ANGERS	28th Dec.	31st Jan.	3rd Mar.

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KASHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Jan.

HAKONE MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Jan.

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NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU ... Thursday, 10th Jan.

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KAWACHI MARU ... Monday, 31st Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TAMBA MARU ... Saturday, 29th Dec.

GENOA MARU ... Tuesday, 1st Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

AWA MARU ... Friday, 4th Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Sunday, 13th Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKITA MARU ... Monday, 31st Dec.

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HAIPHONG via Hoihow Chipahing	Sun. 30th Dec. at 10 a.m.	
MANILA	Yuen-sang	Sat. 29th Dec. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Takang	Sun. 30th Dec. at 1 a.m.	
BANGKOK via Swatow Chak-sang	Tues. 1st Jan. at 10 p.m.	
TAO via S'ow & S'hai Fausang	Wed. 2nd Jan. at 7 a.m.	
BANGKOK via Hoihow Chamsang	Wed. 2nd Jan. at 10 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Wed. 2nd Jan. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Thurs. 3rd Jan. at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Yusan	Fri. 4th Jan. at 7 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Hosang	Tues. 8th Jan. at 3 p.m.
TAO via S'ow & S'hai Yatsung	Wed. 9th Jan. at 7 a.m.	
KOBE via Dany, Y'hama Kutsung	Thurs. 17th Jan. at 7 a.m.	

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GRAMMAR'S DECLINE.**Criticism of Cockney Accent and Spelling.**

According to a London Education Committee report on elementary education in South London schools, the formal teaching of grammar is falling into disuse. Spelling is not as a rule taught as a separate subject, and children find it difficult to understand and apply abstract grammatical principle.

Ungrammatical speech and a Cockney accent are acquired by direct methods, and the inspector is inclined to the opinion that direct methods are the best corrective of these faults.

Nevertheless, the inspector's report indicates that pupils have a much wider appreciation of their mother tongue than formerly, but to some extent this has been secured at the expense of accuracy in spelling.

It is also stated that the prefect and house systems based upon traditional public-school methods are fairly general in the schools. A girls' school in Wandsworth is instanced as a typical example of how such systems may improve the politeness and demeanour of the pupils.

AN UNRECOGNISED DIFFERENCE. A point to which we are not accustomed in England was raised last month at the London Sessions. Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., promptly squashed it from the Bench. "It was a question of racial colour hinted by a jurymen during the hearing of a case in which the prosecutor was an Indian. It is scandalous," said Sir Robert at once, "that such a point should be raised in a British Court of justice," and he added, "If there is anybody on the jury raising such a question, let him at once leave the Court. The juryman concerned was ordered out of the jury-box, and another member was sworn in."

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 22nd instant at Noon will be subject to rent and lading charges.

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All damaged packages will be examined on Thursday the 27th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSSEL, Agent, Hongkong, 22nd Dec. 1923.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec. 28th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The disappearance of the *Pull Mall Gazette*, which has been merged in the *Evening Standard*, has recalled some interesting history. Among the distinguished editors of the *Pull Mall* were Lord Morley and Mr. W. G. Stead, and on its staff was once Lord Milner. Mr. G. A. Macmillan, in a letter to *The Times*, says that Lord Milner was one of the first of the new contributors engaged by Lord Morley. "After he had accepted the editorship," Mr. John Morley, as he then was, called at our office to say that he felt at some loss in making up his staff because, having lived out of London for some years, he knew none of the younger men who had come up from the Universities, and who might be of use to him. He asked me if I could suggest a few names, and I sent him a list of some half-dozen who seemed to me likely to be of the quality required. The first name on the list was that of Alfred Milner, who had been a contemporary and friend of my brothers at Balliol, and a frequent guest at my father's house. The introduction promptly led to an engagement which lasted throughout Lord Morley's editorship, and Lord Milner remained a prominent member of the staff under the succeeding editor, Mr. Stead."

Miss Caroline Macdonald contributes to "The East and The West" an article on "Prison Experiences in Japan." For ten years she has worked among all classes of criminals in the Japanese prisons, and has come into touch with hundreds of people imprisoned for offences ranging from murder in the first degree down to the most trivial offences. Her recollections given in this article show that comfort and hope have been brought to many condemned men and women, and that in many cases they have become good citizens on their release from goal. How the work is increasing in extent and usefulness will interest all who have at heart the progress of Christianity in Japan. The editorial notes contain a sympathetic reference to the recent earthquake, and reviews of "The Travels of Fashien," by Prof. H. A. Giles, and of "Some Truths About Opium," by the same author, are given.

Four young girls between the ages of fifteen and twenty, employed in the glass-works at Rome, made up their minds the other day that they would commit suicide. They had no special grievance against the world, but after frequenting a good many cinemas they came to the conclusion that life was not worth living unless they could keep it up on the luxurious scale depicted on the films, with jewels, motorcars, and Paris dresses. They talked the matter over, and finally bought a small bottle of tincture of iodine, retired to a lonely spot, drank the poison and waited for results.

The dose was, happily, totally insufficient, and only results came in the shape of the police, who had got wind of the affair. Tilde, Ada, Elena and Adriana were taken to the police station and their parents were sent for. It is best to draw a veil over the scene that followed when eight unsentimental parents all spoke their minds at once.

WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 28d. 11h. 03m.—Pressure has increased considerably from Chefoo to Shanghai and slightly from Foochow to Amoy. It has decreased slightly over N. Luzon and is nearly stationary at other reporting stations.

A new anticyclone has formed over N. China.

Strong monsoon may be expected north of Foochow, and moderate monsoon from Amoy to Cape St. James.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.09 inch. Total since January 1st, 105.71 inches, against an average of 83.02 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

1 Formosa Channel N.E. winds, freshening.

2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamoocks N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

3 H'kong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong, Dec. 28.

EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 1.)

SELLING.		BUYING.	
T/T	3/31	30 d/s. San Francisco and New York	513
Demand	3/31	4 m/s. Mare	Nom
30 d/s	3/31/16	4 m/s. France	10.35
60 d/s		5 m/s.	10.65
4 m/s.	3/41	Demand, January	
T/T. Shanghai	Nom.	Demand, New York	503
T/T. Singapore	99	T/T. Bombay	
T/T. Java	100	Demand, Bombay	169
T/T. India	100	T/T. Calcutta	
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T/T. San Francisco and New York	501	On Yokohama	109
T/T. Java	156	Demand, Manila	1001
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T/T. France	9.35	Demand, Batavia	136
Demand, Paris	—	On Haiphong	Nom.
		On Saigon	
		On Bangkok	791
		Sovereign	8.10
		Gold leaf per Tael	50.20
4 m/s. L/O.	3/41/15	Bar Silver — ready	33.9/16
4 m/s. D/T.	3/41/16	Second	32 1/2
6 m/s. L/O.	3/41	New York of London rates	3 1/2
4 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3/5	Bank of England	4.34